

medw
SIO

Warned Rep. Albert About Suzi: Mitch

By JOSEPH VOLZ

Washington (News Bureau)—Former Attorney General John Mitchell, on furlough from federal prison, testified yesterday that he had warned former House Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.) that Albert's beautiful South Korean-American secretary, Suzi Park Thomson, was connected with the Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

Mitchell, 64, on medical furlough from prison because he is suffering from a degenerative hip disease, limped slightly as he walked into the hearing room. Although he has lost considerable weight since he appeared as a defendant in his 1974 Watergate trial, Mitchell smoked a pipe and spoke with a strong, firm voice during his 30 minutes of testimony.

Making his first appearance on Capitol Hill since his Watergate conspiracy conviction, Mitchell described Albert's reaction during their Oct. 14, 1971 meet-

ing in Albert's office as "rather passive."

He told the House international organizations subcommittee, which is investigating aspects of the South Korean influence-buying scandal on Capitol Hill, that Albert said that Mrs. Thomson was "a nice young lady..."

He quoted Albert as saying that she had "a nonsensitive" job and Albert "didn't see any problem involved" even if she was linked to the KCIA.

Mrs. Thomson, now a Washington restaurant hostess and caterer, repeatedly has denied that she was a South

Korean agent, although she frequently entertained South Korean officials at her famous parties and, according to other testimony, obtained liquor and food for the parties from the South Korean Embassy.

Mitchell said that the information on Mrs. Thomson came from a "fully credible" source in a United States intelligence agency. He said that he took no criminal action against Mrs. Thomson despite the fact that she had not registered as a foreign agent as the law requires "because you're dealing with another branch of government (Congress) and they should take care of their own problem."

Mrs. Thomson stayed on Albert's payroll as a \$14,000-a-year secretary until Albert's retirement in 1976. She was not able to find another job on Capitol Hill.